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***PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE INFORMATION SHEET BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION.***

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■ **WHAT IS THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT?**

The Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) program provides renewable \$2,500 grants to financially needy placebound Washington residents as an incentive to complete their four-year degrees at public and independent colleges and universities with unused enrollment capacity. The Educational Opportunity Grant was created by the Washington State Legislature to raise upper-division participation rates by encouraging students who have already achieved junior standing through completion of an AA or AS degree, or transferable credits to complete a four-year degree.

■ **WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE GRANT?**

To apply for this grant, you must be “placebound” and meet other eligibility requirements.

- “Placebound” is defined as living in a designated county and having completed only the first two years of a four-year degree due to family or employment commitments, health concerns, financial need, or other similar factors.
- You must be a Washington resident and reside in a designated county.
- In advance of your initial term of enrollment at the four-year school, you must **have achieved junior standing** as recognized by the school you plan to attend, either by completing an Associate of Arts or Associate of Sciences transfer degree program, or through earned credits.
- You must demonstrate financial need certified by the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend (**this means you must have completed all institutional financial aid applications and the federal financial aid form – Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); if you have Internet access, you may complete a FAFSA online at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>**).
- You must be planning to attend an **eligible** four-year school in Washington. To be eligible, schools must be accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges (NWASC), participate in other state financial aid programs, and have unused capacity. Currently all schools are expected to have capacity for 2003-2004. Branch campuses where you **may not** use this grant are: the University of Washington branches at Bothell and Tacoma, and Washington State University branches at Vancouver, Spokane, and the Tri-Cities.
- You must not be required by the four-year school to be involved in any program that includes any religious worship, exercise or instruction, or be pursuing any degree in religious, seminarian, or theological academic studies.
- You must be a junior or senior transfer student in 2003-2004, and must not have been enrolled during the prior academic year at the four-year school you plan to attend with this grant.

■ **WHAT ARE THE DESIGNATED COUNTIES IN WHICH ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST LIVE?**

Eligible applicants must reside in Benton, Clark, Cowlitz, Franklin, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Skamania, Snohomish, Spokane, Thurston, Walla Walla, or Yakima counties. This requirement is tied to the 1989 law authorizing the EOG program. Legislative intent is that these residents can receive help earning a four-year degree EITHER by attending one of the public branch campuses with subsidized tuition in their area OR by applying for an Educational Opportunity Grant and using it at an established school with unused capacity.

## WHICH SCHOOLS CAN I ATTEND WITH THE GRANT?

Four-year schools meeting the program's requirements are: University of Washington (main campus only), Washington State University (main campus only), The Evergreen State College, Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, Western Washington University, Bastyr College, Cornish College, Heritage College, Gonzaga University, Pacific Lutheran University, Saint Martin's College, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle University, University of Puget Sound, Whitman College, and Whitworth College.

### ■ HOW MUCH WILL I RECEIVE IF I AM ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT?

The grant will be \$2,500 for the academic year and is renewable for one year. If your financial need as certified by your school is less than \$2,500, or you attend less than the full academic year, your grant amount will be adjusted downward.

### ■ DO I GET THE GRANT IN ADDITION TO OTHER FINANCIAL AID?

If your need, as documented by the federal student aid report, is unmet by other financial aid sources, the Educational Opportunity Grant can be added to your financial aid package. If your need is fully met by other financial aid, then the Educational Opportunity Grant will replace loans, not grants or scholarships.

### ■ HOW DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT?

The application form has three parts. You must complete parts A & B; the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend must complete Part C. All three parts of the completed application must be mailed to the Higher Education Coordinating Board (address below) by the application deadline. Submit Part C to your financial aid administrators immediately, or at least two weeks prior to the application deadline to allow time for completion. If you apply to more than one school, please submit one application for each school you are considering.

### ■ HOW WILL RECIPIENTS BE SELECTED?

Complete applications will be reviewed continuously, beginning April 1, 2003 until May 30, 2004, as funds remain available. Priority will go to the earliest complete applications. Complete applications are scored based on placebound status and financial need.

### ■ WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

*You must apply **before** your initial term of enrollment at the four-year school you plan on attending.*

☐ I plan to begin attendance during **fall term 2003**. Apply between April 1, 2003 and September 1, 2003.

☐ I plan to begin attendance during **winter term 2004**. Apply between April 1, 2003 and February 1, 2004.

☐ I plan to begin attendance during **spring quarter 2004**. Apply between April 1, 2003 and May 1, 2004.

### ■ HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED IF I RECEIVE AN AWARD?

A notice of award, or non-award, will be sent to you and to your financial aid office in the month that your application is reviewed.

### ■ CAVEATS

- ◆ Awards are **provisional** until schools can confirm student eligibility just prior to disbursement of funds.
- ◆ Program funding and program eligibility criteria depend upon legislative provisions and appropriation.

### ■ AGENCY CONTACTS

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### Higher Education Coordinating Board

Educational Opportunity Grant  
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Olympia, WA 98504-3430

**WASHINGTON STATE  
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT  
2003-2004 APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE:** While funds remain available, applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis at the beginning of each month starting April 1, 2003, and ending May 1, 2004 (Please refer to the Application Information Sheet for specific deadlines related to the term you intend to enroll at a four-year school.)

**READ CAREFULLY.** This application consists of three parts: **You must complete Parts A and B**, typed or printed in ink. Return Parts A and B to the Higher Education Coordinating Board or send them to the four-year school you plan to attend as a junior, along with Part C. **(NOTE: For the financial aid administrator to complete Part C, you must have completed the admissions process and the federal financial aid application. See page 1 of the information sheet.)**

If you are considering more than one school at this time, please complete a separate application for each school. Completed applications may be sent to the Higher Education Coordinating Board either by the student or the financial aid administrator.

**PART A – TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_      2. SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  

Last                                      First                                      Middle
3. Birthdate: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_      Male: \_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_      4. Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_
5. E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_
6. First term you plan to enroll at a four-year school: Fall 2003 \_\_\_\_\_ Winter 2004 \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2004 \_\_\_\_
7. Permanent residence: \_\_\_\_\_  

Street                                      City                                      State                                      Zip
8. Address while attending college: \_\_\_\_\_  

(if different)                                      Street                                      City                                      State                                      Zip
9. Date I became a legal resident of Washington: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  

(If you have always lived in this state, use your date of birth.)                                      Month                                      Year
10. The eligible county I **reside in** is: (Circle one)  

Benton	Cowlitz	King	Pierce	Snohomish	Spokane	Yakima
Clark	Franklin	Kitsap	Skamania	Thurston	Walla Walla	
11. College (or colleges) I would like to attend in (in order of preference) 2003- 2004:  

<u>Main Campus</u>	<u>Site other than main (list)</u>
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  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_

**(NOTE: You may not use the grant to continue attending your current institution.)**

12. Please list all colleges or universities you have attended in the space below.

<u>College</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Degree Date</u>

(Attach a list of any additional colleges if necessary.)

13. Intended academic major: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Estimated baccalaureate graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Planned enrollment status for 2003-2004: Full-Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_ Summer 2004 \_\_\_\_\_

16. Amount of educational loans to date (student only – Stafford/Perkins Loans):

Amount borrowed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Current unpaid balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

17. You **must have** completed the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** form and applied for admission in order for your financial aid administrator to complete Part C of this application. Check with the college you plan to attend for further instructions about completing the financial aid process. **If you have Internet access, you may apply on-line at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>**

\_\_\_\_\_ I **have** applied for admission.

\_\_\_\_\_ I **have** applied for financial aid.

\_\_\_\_\_ I **have not** applied for financial aid, but will contact my financial aid office.

1. **STUDENT AGREEMENT:** By my signature, I certify that the information contained in Parts A and B of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I give my consent to the financial aid administrator at the college I plan to attend to release necessary demographic and financial information to assist in the Higher Education Coordinating Board's administration of the program. I certify that, according to the definition provided and to my answers on Part B, I am a placebound citizen. During the entire period I receive the Educational Opportunity Grant, I understand I cannot be involved in or required by my college or university to be involved in any program or class that includes any religious worship, exercise or instruction, and I cannot be pursuing any degree in religious, seminarian, or theological academic studies. I understand if I am selected to receive the grant, it can only be used during academic years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, at a Board-approved institution with existing capacity, excluding described branch campus sites.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print Name

Send completed application to:

**Educational Opportunity Grant Program  
Higher Education Coordinating Board  
917 Lakeridge Way / PO Box 43430  
Olympia, WA 98504-3430**

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT  
2003–2004 APPLICATION  
PART B – “PLACEBOUND DESCRIPTION”**

For this grant program, a “**placebound person**” is defined as one who:

1. Lives in one of 13 designated counties in Washington (as noted on question #10); and
2. Has junior standing by completing an Associate of Arts or Sciences degree or transferable credits at a community college; or would be a junior but has been out of college and wishes to return and is either:
  - ♦ unable to relocate and would find it difficult to continue toward a baccalaureate degree without the financial incentive of this grant because of family or work commitments, health concerns, financial considerations, or other similar factors; or
  - ♦ able to relocate and overcome the above placebound barriers with the help of this grant.

**Please mark the “Yes” or “No” box by each statement as it applies to your plans to attend a four-year school. Explain special circumstances on the reverse side.**

**Y    N**

- ☐ ☐ I am a major caregiver for an elderly or disabled family member. (Explain)
- ☐ ☐ I will continue to work at my current job.
- ☐ ☐ I am a homeowner.
- ☐ ☐ I will be moving out of the area, approximately \_\_\_\_\_ miles, to attend school.
- ☐ ☐ I am returning to school this fall term after an absence of one or more years.
- ☐ ☐ I have a documented medical condition that requires continued care by my local doctor.
- ☐ ☐ Family or friends will assist me with childcare while I am in school.
- ☐ ☐ My spouse will be continuing in a permanent job.
- ☐ ☐ There are no public or private four-year colleges within reasonable commuting distance of my current residence (approximately 1 hour or 50 miles).
- ☐ ☐ My dependent(s) has a documented medical condition that requires continued care by a local doctor.
- ☐ ☐ I will continue to live in my current government-subsidized, low-income housing. (Does not include dormitories.)
- ☐ ☐ The four-year school I am applying to offers an academic/degree program not available within commuting distance of my current residence (approximately 1 hour or 50 miles). The degree program is \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ ☐ My children will be enrolled in the same daycare or school as at present.
- ☐ ☐ The cost of moving has prevented me from going to a four-year college out of the area.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

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**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT  
2003-2004 APPLICATION  
PART C – SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID WORKSHEET**

**DEADLINE: WHILE FUNDS REMAIN OR UNTIL THE CLOSING DATE OF MAY 1, 2004.  
COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONTINUOUSLY REVIEWED FOR ELIGIBILITY.**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT:** Forward Part C to the financial aid office at the four-year school you wish to attend with this grant. Fill in your name and Social Security number and the school will complete the rest **after you have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the results have been returned to the school.** If you are considering more than one school at this time, copy this form and send it to each school.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATOR:** Part C information must be based on the applicant's SAR. Financial aid information will be used to determine applicant eligibility and to provide the database for recipient profiles. Complete applications will be continuously reviewed for eligibility while funds remain. **Final dates to apply: Fall term - Sept 1, 2003; Winter term - Feb 1, 2004; Spring quarter - May 1, 2004.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. Budget:

- A. Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Dependent, lives with parents  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dependent, lives away from parents  
\_\_\_\_\_ Independent, unmarried, no dependents  
\_\_\_\_\_ Independent, unmarried, with dependents  
\_\_\_\_\_ Independent, married, no other dependents  
\_\_\_\_\_ Independent, married with dependents

B. Budget duration, if less than nine months: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Budget amount: \$     ,

2. Family income: (Annual taxed and untaxed income upon which the contribution is calculated.)

- A. Parent income (if dependent student): \$     ,
- B. Student income (if dependent or independent): \$     ,
- C. Spouse's income from work (if married): \$     ,

3. Total expected family contribution: \$     ,

4. Financial need based on budget in Item #1: \$     ,

5. Family size: \_\_\_\_\_ Number in college: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Washington resident: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ If applicant is not a Washington resident, but anticipates residency during the academic year, which term? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Class standing: Applicant must have received an Associate of Arts or Sciences degree or achieved junior status to receive an Educational Opportunity Grant.

A. Associate of Arts or Sciences Degree: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown at this time: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Class standing at beginning of 2003-2004 academic year, if known: Junior: \_\_\_\_\_ Senior: \_\_\_\_\_

C. If neither, when do you anticipate the student will advance to junior standing or obtain an Associate of Arts or Sciences degree? By the beginning of \_\_\_\_\_ quarter/semester, 2003-2004.  
(term)

8. Ethnicity:   \_\_\_ White/Caucasian                   \_\_\_ Asian/Pacific Islander                   \_\_\_ Black/African American  
                  \_\_\_ American Indian                   \_\_\_ Eskimo                   \_\_\_ Hispanic/Spanish  
                  \_\_\_ Other                   \_\_\_ Aleut                   \_\_\_ Unknown/Unavailable

9. Comments: (Please add anything that would help clarify the student's status; for example lack of sufficient transfer credits, lack of admission status, re-determination of need, selected for verification, or current student.)

10. By my signature, I certify that the information contained and requested in **Part C** of this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of financial aid administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Institution